

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4428
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UTILISATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry failed to utilise Rs.281.08 crores during 1997-98;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there was steep rise in the amount of funds unspent under capital section in the preceding three years; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.),
KHANDURI, AVSM)

- (a) A sum of Rs. 220.26 crores remained unutilized under Capital Section.
- (b) Non -utilisation of above amount was mainly due to less expenditure by States, and reduction in allocation to National Highways Authority.
- (c) There has been increase in unspent amount of money in three preceding year prior to 1997-98.
- (d) The progress of works is being periodically reviewed to take appropriate remedial measures wherever there are any bottlenecks in order to complete the works as per physical and financial targets. Further the existing system of payment through reimbursement which involved delays has been reviewed and system of direct payment introduced wherever necessary to ensure utilisation of funds.